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August 16, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared Technical Working Group (IB Docket No. 11-109)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

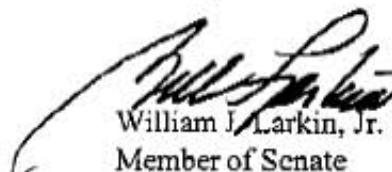
I am writing in regard to the FCC's current review of a nationwide broadband network being offered by a company called LightSquared that will provide 4G LTE coverage to the entire country. While I do not endorse any particular technology, I encourage the FCC and Congress to carefully review this matter to ensure all New Yorkers, including our first responders, have the opportunity to access safe, reliable, and low cost wireless broadband services.

I understand there may be some minor issues with the company's proposed wireless network and our country's GPS system, which is a serious concern that needs to be addressed. It is also my understanding that LightSquared's integrated wireless broadband and satellite network will bring billions of dollars in infrastructure projects and generate over 15,000 jobs during its initial build out. This would be a tremendous private sector boost to an economy that is struggling to create jobs.

As a retired Army officer and member of the New York State Senate Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs Committee, I realize how important our nation's communications networks are in times of national emergencies. A communications network that can provide uninterrupted service during power outages and natural disasters would help strengthen our ability to protect and serve people in need.

Thank you for your consideration of LightSquared's nationwide broadband network.

Sincerely,



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